

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

OUR ITALY. By Charles Dudley Warner. Illustrated, \$1.00. pp. viii, 220. Harper & Brothers.

In this handsome and beautifully illustrated volume Mr. Warner gives an account of Southern California, its productiveness, climate and general advantages, which has the rare merit of moderation. He does not, like many writers on the same subject have done, keep out of sight all the drawbacks and difficulties, but states them frankly, and with the effect of making the general picture more impressive. The title of the book is fully borne out by the text, and more than this; for perhaps it needs to be said that Southern California is not particularly flattered by the common comparison with Italy, which nowhere offers so equal, agreeable and trustworthy a climate as does the American State. Those who have visited the Italian sanatoriums are well aware that in those places there are often sharp and sudden climatic changes, cold winds, rainstorms and other atmospheric phenomena which are dangerous to invalids and which bring discomfort to everybody. But no such viscidities are to be apprehended in Southern California. There the so-called rainy season lasts only about two months, and during its continuance there is scarcely a day during some part of which the most delicate invalid may not safely take the air. For the rest of the year it is possible almost to live entirely out of doors, and many permanent residents actually do this, by having bedchambers made of canvas on the ground floor, so that they sleep precisely as much "al fresco" as though they were in tents.

The fertility of the Southern California soil under irrigation, moreover, far exceeds that of any part of Italy, and we doubt whether it is anywhere equalled. The productive capacity of the tracts, like Riverside and Pasadena, which have been scientifically irrigated, is really almost miraculous. There is, however, one point of possible difficulty in connection with irrigation which Mr. Warner has not discussed. Malarious diseases have hitherto been practically unknown in this favored region, but it remains to be seen whether this will continue to be the case when irrigation has been applied to so great an area as to produce appreciable effects upon the condition of the atmosphere. It is well known that in many other parts of the world where this method of culture is practised—and even in some other parts of California—malaria has followed irrigation on a large scale. There may be something in the climate of Southern California to prevent this consequence of the application of water to the soil, but it is as yet too soon to look for a conclusion upon this point, and much too soon to assert with confidence that no danger of the kind need be apprehended. Several years must in all probability pass before the truth will be known, however, and meantime the benefits accruing from irrigation are so manifest and palpable that the system is certain to extend indefinitely. Another drawback, mentioned by Mr. Warner, is the arid and dusty condition of the country outside the newer settlements during the rainy season. At that time travelling is attended with very decided discomfort, and it may be admitted that the general appearance of the country is rather depressing, dried and withered, as its surface appears, away from the irrigated tracts.

When this is said, however, nearly all is said that can be against Southern California, a place of residence; and unless a man thinks of going there to build up a holding from the native mesas, he need not suffer from the discomforts of dust, for within the settlements there are ample and extended drives and walks, well watered, well shaded, conducive in every way to health and pleasure. In buying and working land prepared by any of the great land and water corporations, also, most of the difficulties referred to are obviated. The new settler may neutralise his own work by putting on too much water, but he need only apply, everything is possible, and while the price of irrigated land is extremely high, the returns are such as to present a satisfactory interest upon even the highest figures per acre, as Mr. Warner here shows by repeated specific examples. He is careful to point out that some capital is required by the settler. This is the case everywhere, of course, and where the settlers' opportunities seem the best, as in Kansas, for instance, actual experience has shown that these opportunities are not offset by the necessity of borrowing money to begin operations with. A state plastered with mortgages is hardly a brilliant demonstration of the advantages of cheap land; but in Southern California the settler has a virtual certainty of plumb and large returns upon his investment, and he knows that he can always raise an abundance of vegetables and fruit for the subsistence of himself and his family while awaiting the maturity of his slower crops, such as vines, oranges and olives.

Southern California does not, perhaps, offer so many openings to mechanics as to agriculturists. It is true, as Mr. Warner observes, that even in the absence of "booms" there must be a great deal of building going on for many years to come; but this involves living in the small towns for the most part, and these are subject to all the drawbacks of growing and unfinished places. It is in the productiveness of soil that this generous region will, for the lifetime of a generation at least, present the strongest attractions. There can be no doubt that a great future is already prepared for the wine and raisin and orange and olive and fig and small-fruit industries. A century will probably not suffice to develop the full capacity of the region, for the extent of country remaining to be settled is enormous. The fact, too, that a certain amount of capital is required to take up this mode of life will cause the general development to be measured. It cannot be like that of other Western territories where emigrants have flocked by thousands, and each wanderer has set up his root-tree when he listed, without further provision than a winter's provision of a little seed corn, and a roke of cattle or team of horses. More provision is demanded and more deliberation, but when the new life is once set in motion there is much less danger of compulsory hauls or checks of any kind. The great prosperity of Southern California is already fully assured. Of that there can be no question with those who are acquainted with the facts, and such as do not know them can gather from Mr. Warner's careful statistics enough solid material to base a judgment upon.

The author has given some space to consideration of a question which has been often broached, but never settled. It is as to the effect of the Southern California climate upon the temperament of the human, and especially the American, race. Some have thought that this soft, mild, equable climate must deteriorate all who live in it; that they would in time become indolent, dreamy, a sort of lotos-eaters; that they would lose all energy, and sink into the sloth and apathy which characterize the native Californians. What may happen in the course of centuries of course it is impossible to foretell, but this much is quite certain, that Americans have lived in Southern California for twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years, and that no change of the kind referred to has been observed in them. So far as can be perceived they do not lose their energy or become dreamy or indolent, and we do not think that there is any serious ground for fear as to the future in this respect. Moreover, it must be borne in mind that the California climate is not relaxing, but bracing, its effects are quite unlike those of summer weather in the Eastern States. It is not at all a tropical country, for one wears woolen clothing all the year round. Altogether, therefore, there is probably no reason to anticipate any other change than a change for the better in the descendants of the settlers who are now occupying this magnificent region.

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